

# **SOUTH CAROLINA WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING**

## **Issue Workshop Format**

### **Issue Workshop: Research**

#### **Priority Issue Statement**

Establish a patient centered model of collaboration among health care/and human service providers, researchers, insurance companies and drug companies to promote lifestyle changes and preventive care.

#### **Barriers**

1. Lack of collaboration among government agencies for research funding
2. Lack of self accountability (quick fix mentality)
3. Focus on treatment rather than prevention
4. Strong lobby by drug industries for treatment versus prevention
5. Lack of public awareness of research findings
6. Health insurance does not provide coverage for preventive services
7. Patient/provider trust issues
8. Lack of communication between providers and patients
9. Geriatrics is a low prestige research specialty
10. Inadequate reimbursement for Medicare
11. Lacking of funding in the aging field
12. Lack of interest among funding resources in prevention
13. Aging research lacks urgency in our society

#### **Solutions**

1. Increase funding for wellness and preventative research
2. Include evidence based outcomes in research
3. Inform and educate all stakeholders about wellness and preventive care research